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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Ugo AMALDI et al.

Conf. 1179

Application No. 10/602,060

Group 2821

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Examiner Don Kitsun Wong

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 11, 2004

Sir:

This responds to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on February 26, 2004. In that Notice, the Legal Instruments Examiner indicated that the amendment filed on June 24, 2003 was considered non-compliant because it failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 as amended on June 30, 2003. Specifically, a complete listing of all of the claims was not present.

It is, however, pointed out that the amendment in question was filed **prior** to the July 30, 2003 effective date for amended section 37 CFR 1.121.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is in error, and must be

withdrawn. A prompt examination on the merits is accordingly earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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